

## PART 2

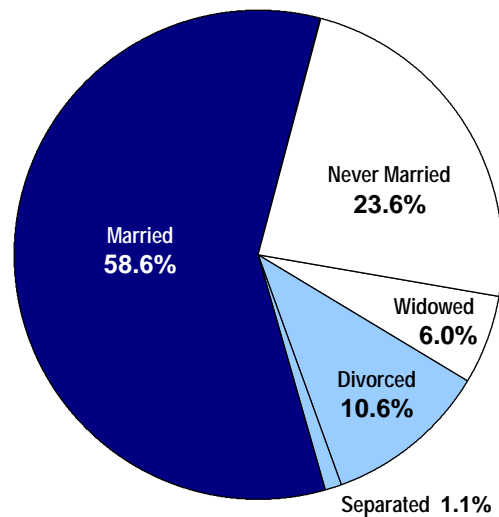
## Statewide Survey Findings

**T**HIS SECTION presents state-level information. Please note that totals may not match due to non-response or responses that could not be coded.

### Marital Status of the Population Age 17 and Older

Total = 4,351,790 Persons

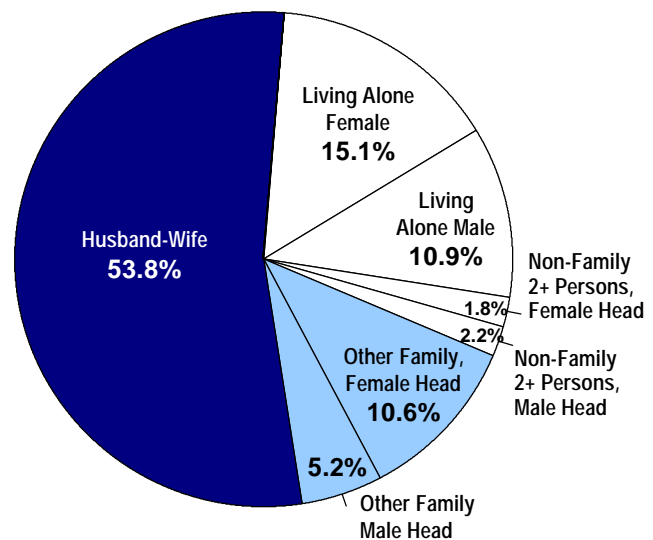
- More than three-quarters of the population age 17 and older are married or were married at one time. About two-thirds of the formerly married are separated or divorced – the balance are widowed.
- Washington's percentages are comparable to the nation's in terms of percent married. The nation as a whole has slightly higher proportions of persons separated (2.4 percent) and widowed (6.6 percent).



### Households by Type

Total = 2,194,558 Households

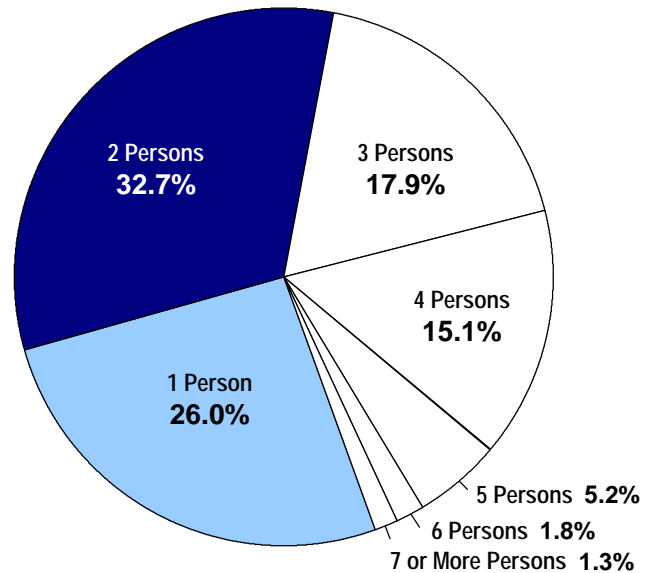
- Seventy percent of households in Washington are “family” household – defined as two or more persons living together that are related by blood, marriage, or adoption; 54 percent are Husband-Wife households. Husband-Wife households comprise 53 percent of the households at the national level (1997 Current Population Survey).
- Thirty percent of all households are “non-family” households – two or more unrelated persons living together, or persons living alone.



## Number of Persons in Household

Total = 2,194,558 Households

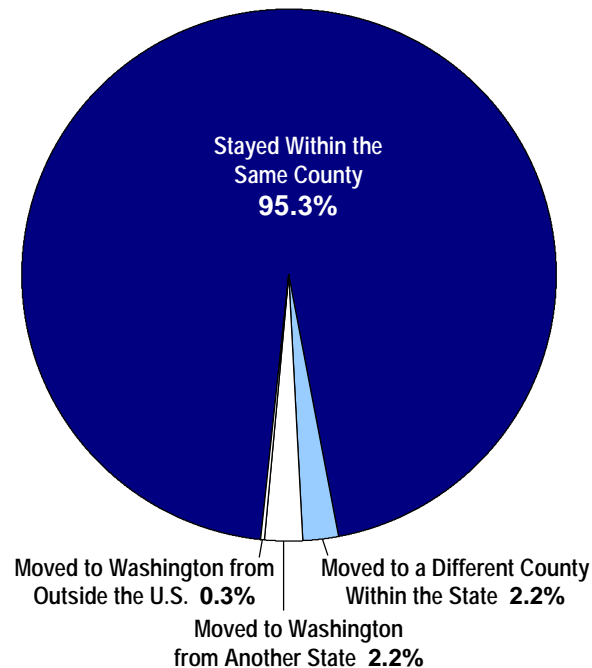
- This is a look at households from another perspective: number of members. More than a quarter of Washington households are single-person, and almost one-third are comprised of two people. Three and four person households have similar shares – together accounting for another third of the total. The remaining size classes total less than nine percent of households.
- Washington exceeds the national percentages in households with four or more people, but has lower percentages for households with five or more people. National average household size in 1998 was 2.6 compared to 2.5 in the Washington survey.



## Migration Over Last Year

Total = 5,392,663 Persons

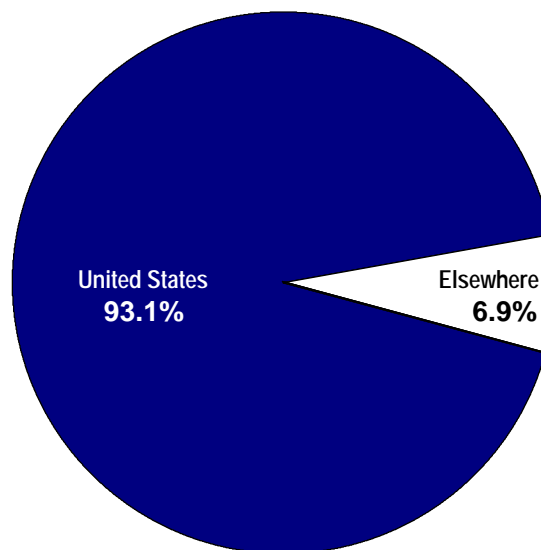
- Survey data on migration represent approximations due to the relatively small number of persons qualifying as “migrants.” A migrant is a person changing residence across a county line in the last year. Ninety-five percent of the respondents lived in the same county as they did the prior year.
- In Washington, 2.2 percent report moving to another county, 2.2 percent report moving in from another state, and 0.3 percent moved in from another country.
- At the national level 3.0 percent moved to another county, 2.4 percent moved to another state, and 0.5 percent moved from another country.



## Country of Birth

Total = 5,661,733 Persons

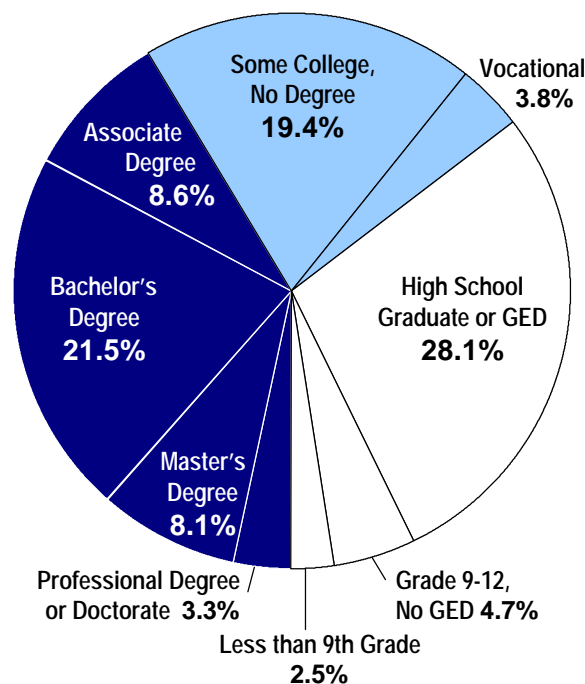
- Country of Birth data reflects cross national moves on a lifetime scale. Survey information on individual countries should be interpreted with caution because of the small number of cases.
- Almost 7 percent of Washingtonians responding have moved into the United States at some time in the past. This is consistent with the percentage of foreign born at the national level, 9.7 percent.
- The largest numbers of foreign born now come from Mexico and Canada. In 1900, at the turn of the century, 21 percent of Washington's residents were from other countries, with the largest numbers coming from Canada and Germany.



## Highest Level of School Completed by Persons Age 25 and Older

Total = 3,652,913 Persons

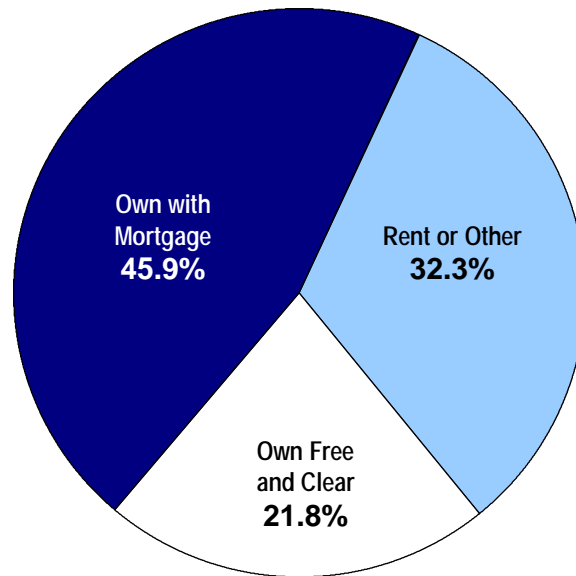
- The population age 25 years and older is used as a base to measure educational attainment. About 7.2 percent of the population have less than a high school education. Nearly one-third had a high school diploma or some form of vocational training. Well over half of the population over age 25 have attended college – more than 30 percent have attained at least a four-year degree.
- Compared to the U.S. population, Washington residents tend to be more educated. Slightly more than half (50.9 percent) of the national population age 25 and older did not continue beyond high school.



## Housing Ownership Status

Total = 2,188,571 Households

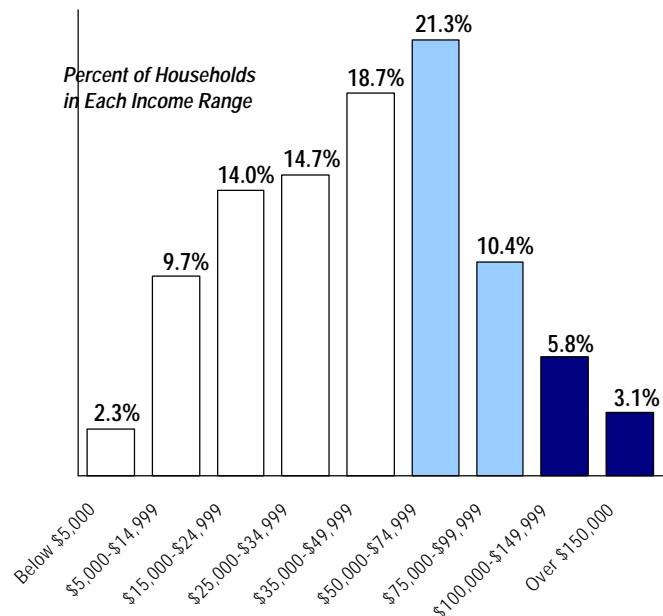
- Over two-thirds of survey householders claimed to be homeowners.
- About a third of these owned their dwelling free and clear.
- National data for 1998 are very similar, with 66.2 percent of the households claiming owner status.



## Households by Income Range

Total = 2,194,558 Households

- The bottom and the top of the income range data show that nearly 12 percent of Washington households have an annual income less than \$15,000.
- Nine percent have incomes of \$100,000 or more.
- The state's median household income is \$40,707 in 1997 compared to the U.S. median income of \$37,000.

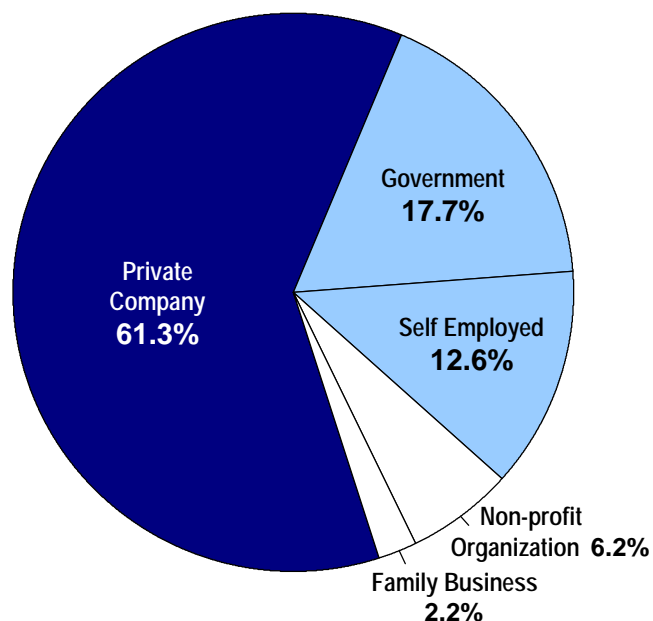


Median household income = \$40,707

### Sector of Main Job Held

Total = 2,643,612 Persons

- Considerable information on employment by industry is collected and published by agencies such as Employment Security. However, the Washington survey data also includes family businesses and the self-employed. These categories are not adequately reported in administrative records.
- Survey data indicates that around three-quarters of respondents' main employment is in for-profit sectors, the balance working in government or non-profit organizations.



### Usual Means of Commuting

Total = 1,358,329 Persons (one person per working household)

- Survey respondents were asked how they commuted. The overall results are assumed to be a reasonably good snapshot of general 1998 Washington commuting patterns.
- The combined car-truck-van share was 84 percent, lower than the 86.1 percent reported in the 1990 census.

